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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER WILLIAM CLARK WILL ISSUE A DIRECTIVE THIS WEEK TO INTENSIFY A GOVERNMENT-WIDE CRACKDOWN ON LEAKS TO THE NEWS MEDIA, ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID TODAY.

CLARK HAS BEEN CULLING ADVICE FROM THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THE STRICT RULES HE RECENTLY LAID DOWN FOR MAILING ANYONE WHO LEAKS NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION.

THE SOURCES SAID THE NEW ORDER IS INTENDED TO "RATTLE THE CAGES OF THE BUREAUCRATS" WHO MIGHT BE INCLINED TO DIVULGE INFORMATION TO REPORTERS.

THE ORDER, NOT YET DRAFTED IN FINAL FORM, IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK, THEY SAID.

SEVERAL PRESS ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING THE STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION AND THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HAVE PROTESTED ADMINISTRATION MOVES THEY CONTEND WILL CLOSE OFF LEGITIMATE CHANNELS OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.

THE ADMINISTRATION, EMBARRASSED IN RECENT WEEKS BY THE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN POLICY AND BUDGET DECISIONS, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A CRACKDOWN RECOMMENDED BY CLARK THAT IS INTENDED TO LIMIT ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND CONTACTS WITH THE NEWS MEDIA.

THE NEW DIRECTIVE WILL TAKE THAT CAMPAIGN A STEP FURTHER, IN LINE WITH WHAT ONE ADMINISTRATION SOURCE SAID IS A BELIEF THAT CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED IN SOME LEAKS OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION.

OF PRIMARY CONCERN WERE RECENT REPORTS ON THE SALE OF FIGHTER PLANES TO TAIWAN -- WHICH EMERGED JUST AS A HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS ARRIVING IN PEKING TO DISCUSS U.S.-SINO RELATIONS -- AND THE DISCLOSURE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD A SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENT TO CUBA UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

THE NEW YORK TIMES ALSO REPORTED TODAY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DECIDED LAST WEEK TO PAY THE \$71 MILLION IN LOAN REPAYMENTS THAT POLAND OWES TO AMERICAN BANKS.

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TIMES COLUMNIST WILLIAM SAFIRE SAID THE DECISION WAS REACHED "IN SECRET," AND CONTRARY TO COMMODITY CREDIT CORP. RULES THAT REQUIRE THE DEBTOR FIRST BE DECLARED IN DEFAULT.

SAFIRE QUOTED FROM OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE DECISION, WHICH HE SAID WERE "PASSED ALONG BY OFFICIALS IN DEFIANCE OF LIE-DETECTOR THREATS" MADE AS PART OF CLARK'S CRACKDOWN ON LEAKS.

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